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## STORY SO FAR





**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**

The Blue Blur.  
Fastest thing alive.



**MILES "TAILS" PROWER**

Tech-Savvy Sidekick.  
High-flying genius.



**DR. EGGMAN**

Mad Genius.  
Egg enthusiast.



**METAL SONIC**

Loyal Minion.  
Mechanical menace.



**SURGE THE TENREC**

The Mean Green.  
Roguish speedster.



**KITSUNAMI "KIT" THE FENNEC**

Sorrowful Sidekick.  
High-flying hydromancer.





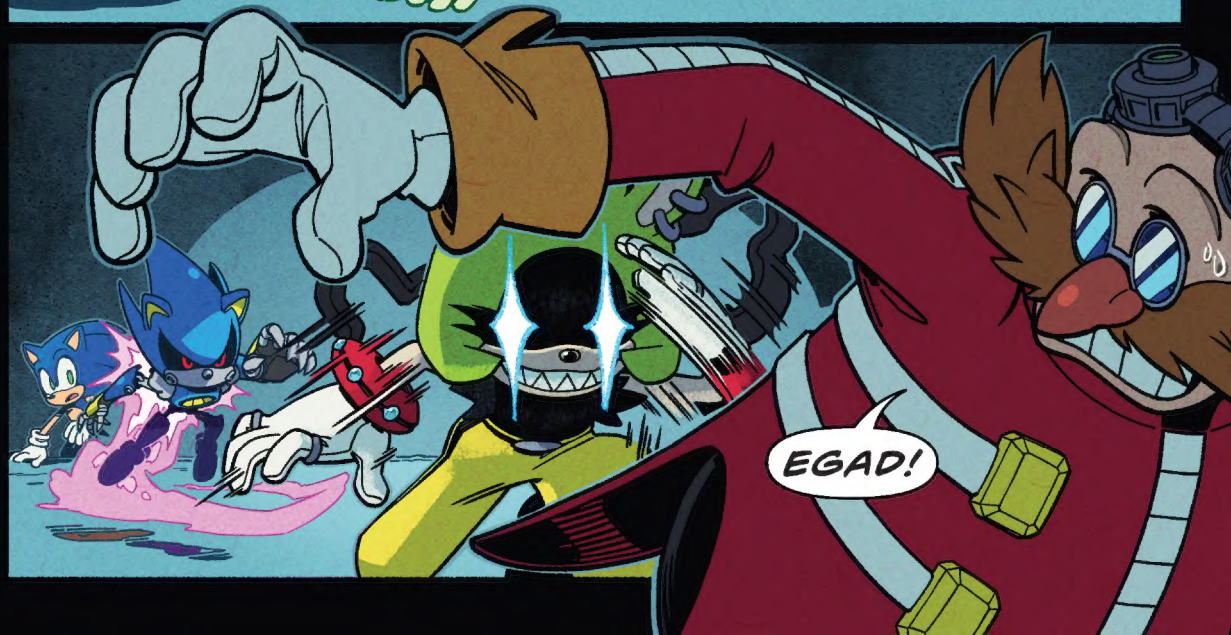
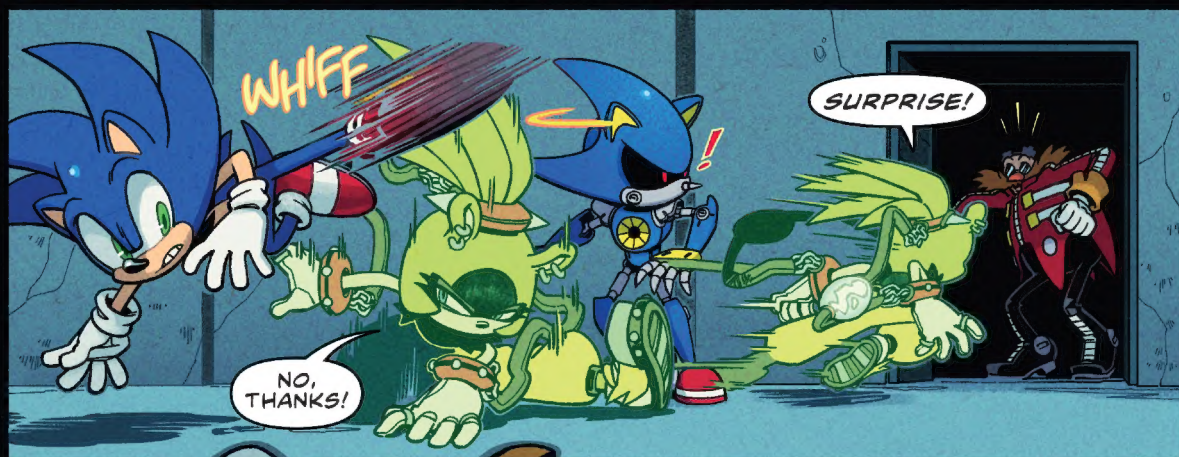




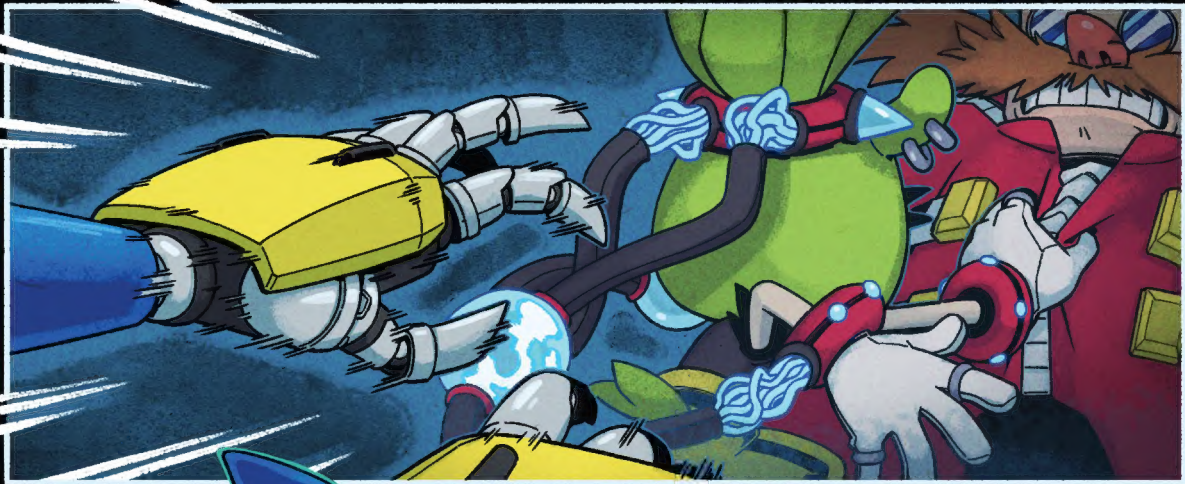
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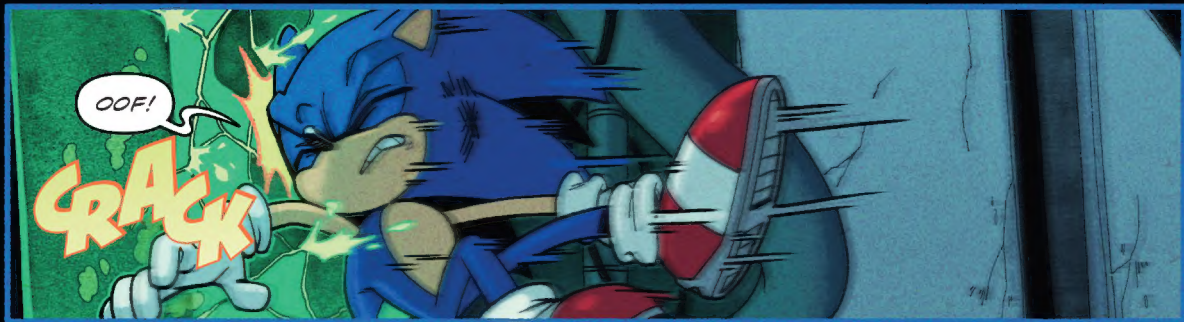




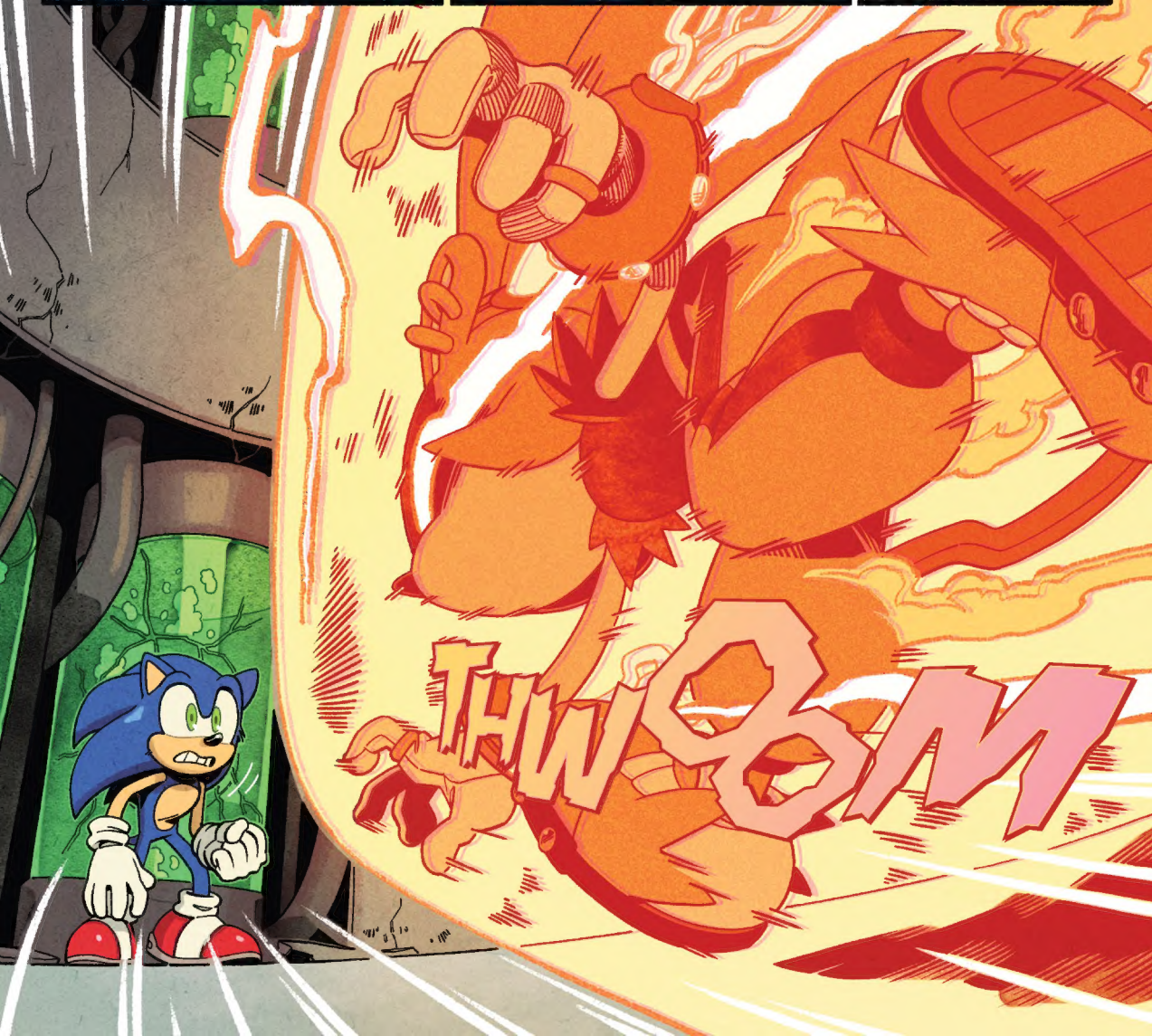








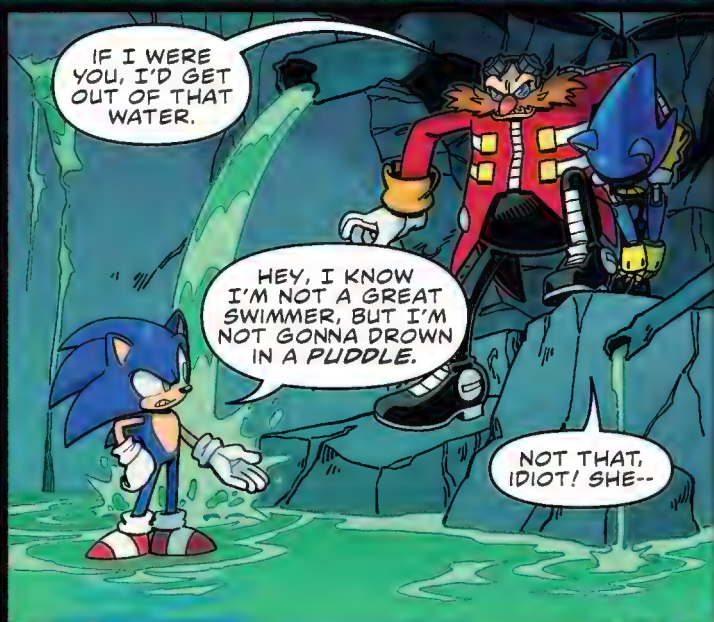














YOUR  
SENSE OF SELF-  
PRESERVATION  
IS *TRULY*  
EMBARRASSING,  
RODENT.

THE  
DYNAMO  
CAGE IS GOING  
TO OVERLOAD  
ANY MINUTE  
NOW WITH HOW  
SHE'S USING  
IT.

KEEP HER  
BUSY, AND DON'T  
LOSE BEFORE I'VE  
GOT METAL  
FIXED!

JUST  
YOU AND  
ME NOW...

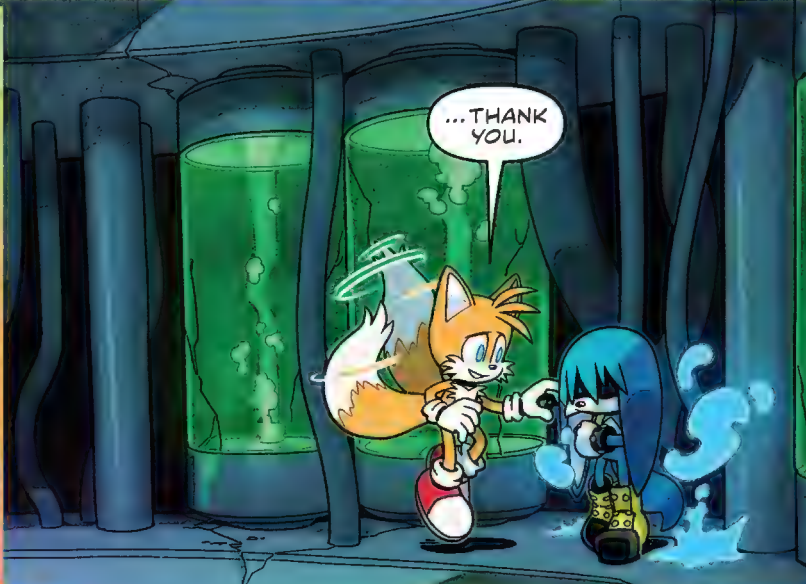
LOOK,  
SURGE...

...I THINK WE  
MAYBE GOT OFF  
ON THE WRONG  
FOOT.

Y'KNOW  
WHAT?  
YOU'RE  
RIGHT.

MY FOOT  
SHOULD BE  
ON YOUR  
THROAT!





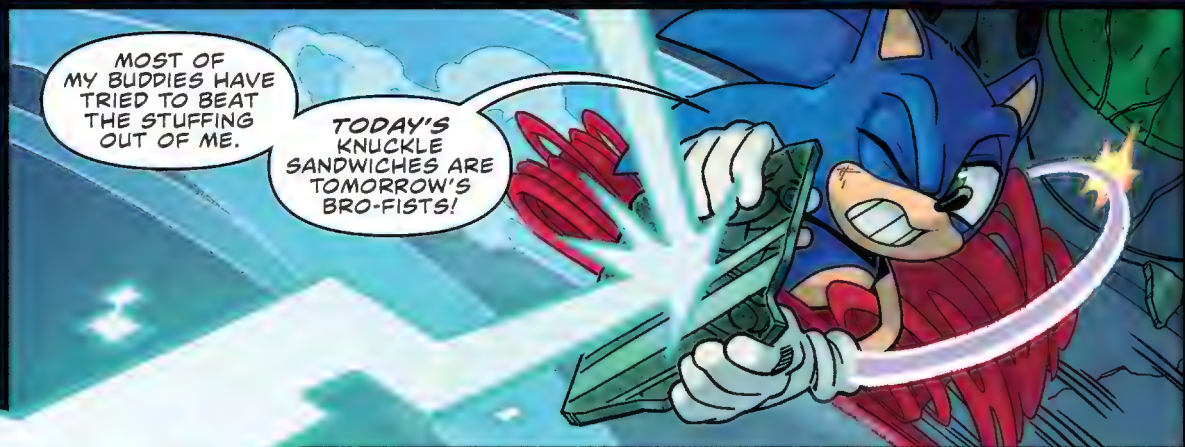




WHAT HAPPENED  
TO YOU GUYS WAS  
**SERIOUSLY HEINOUS.**  
I GET THAT NOW.



YOU THINK  
THAT MAKES  
IT BETTER?  
THAT WE'LL BE  
**FRIENDS?**



MOST OF  
MY BUDDIES HAVE  
TRIED TO BEAT  
THE STUFFING  
OUT OF ME.

**TODAY'S**  
KNUCKLE  
SANDWICHES ARE  
TOMORROW'S  
BRO-FISTS!



I DON'T  
WANT YOUR  
PITY OR YOUR  
FRIENDSHIP...

...I  
WANT YOU  
**GONE!**



BUT **WHY?**  
STARLINE'S  
NOT HERE TO  
MAKE YOU DO  
ANYTHING!



FREEDOM  
IS RIGHT  
THERE,  
WAITING FOR  
YOU. JUST  
TAKE IT!



...  
I  
CAN'T.







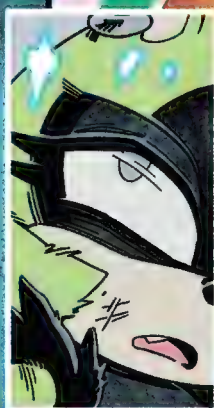


I WAS BUILT  
TO LIVE IN YOUR  
SHADOW. IT'S IN MY  
BLOOD, MY BONES,  
MY BRAIN. THERE  
IS NO FREEDOM  
FOR ME...

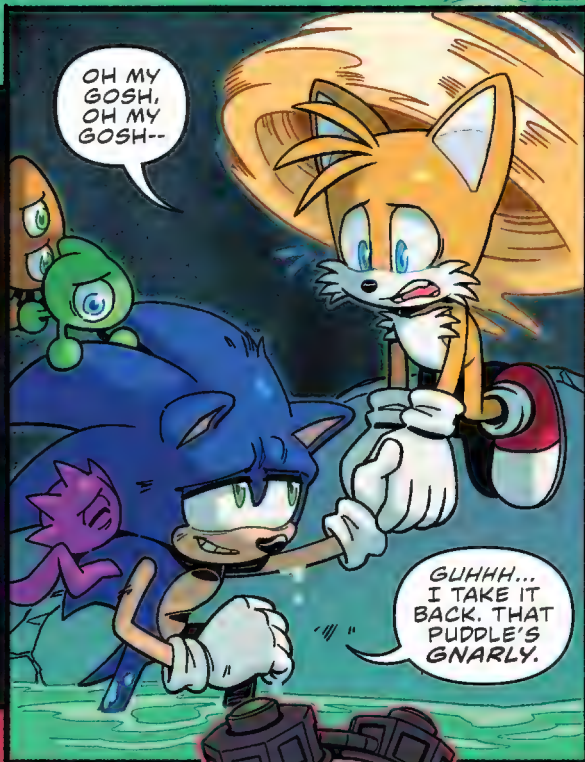
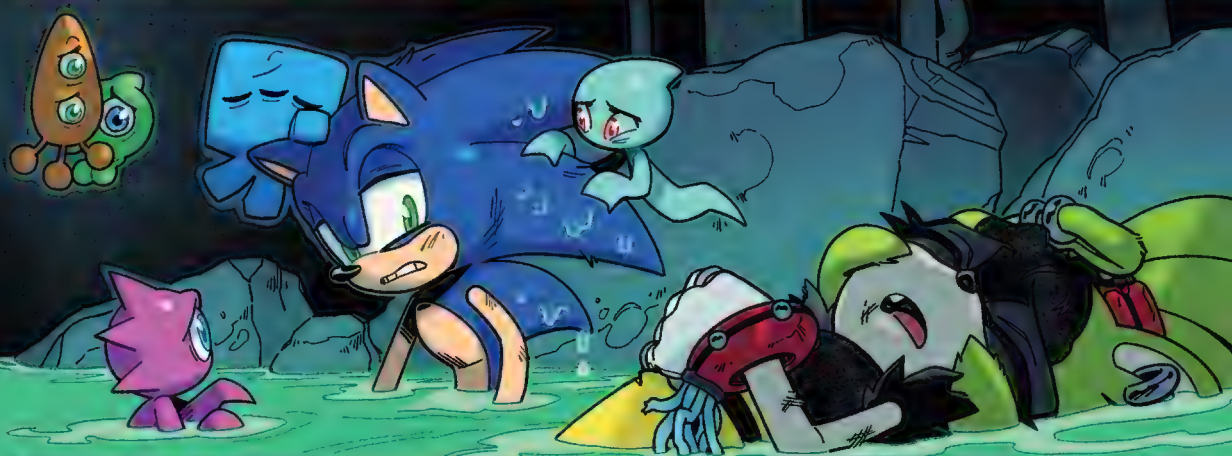
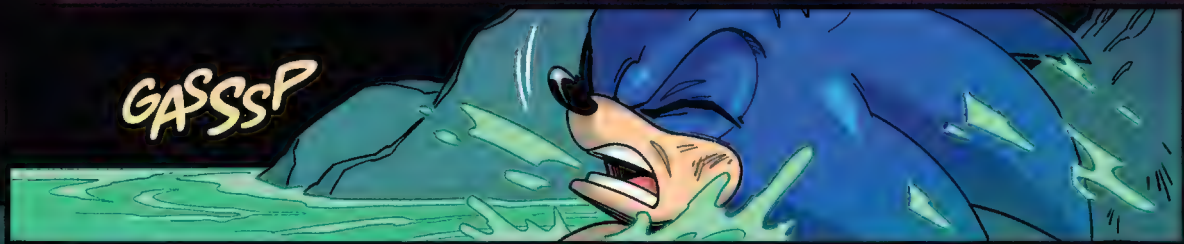
...NOT  
WHILE  
YOU'RE  
STILL  
ALIVE!



KRACH









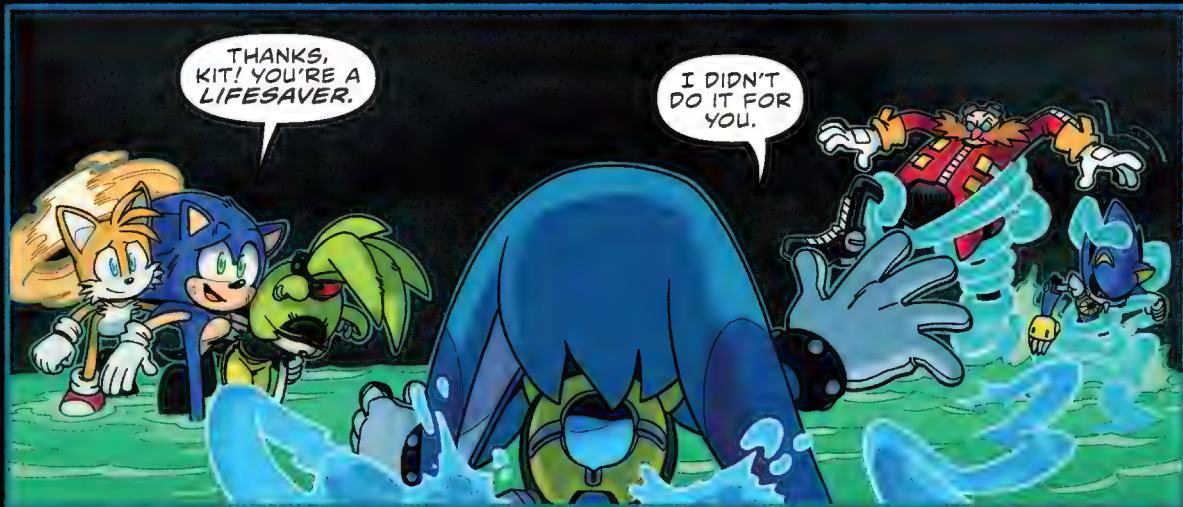
YOU  
CHEATER...

THIS WASN'T  
THE DEAL,  
EGGMAN!

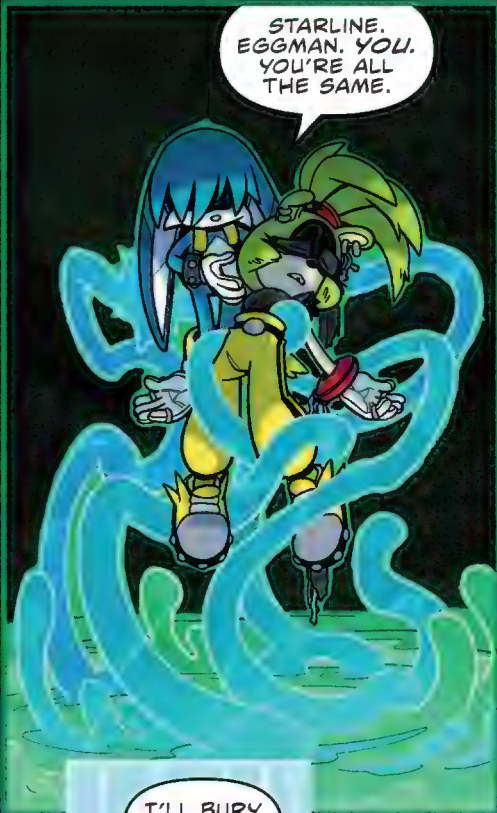
OH PLEASE,  
LIKE YOU  
WERE GOING  
TO HOLD UP  
YOUR END OF  
THE BARGAIN.

SPA-  
WHACK

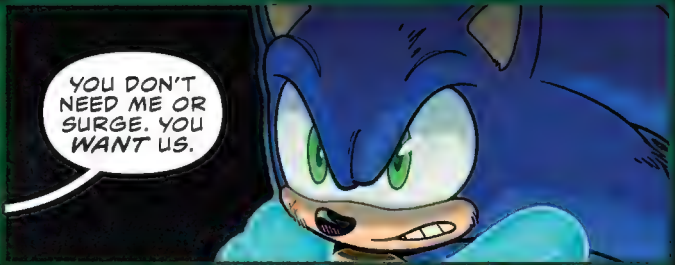










STARLINE.  
EGGMAN. YOU.  
YOU'RE ALL  
THE SAME.




YOU DON'T  
NEED ME OR  
SURGE. YOU  
WANT US.



ALL THAT  
MATTERS IS  
WHAT WE CAN  
DO, HOW YOU  
CAN CHANGE US.  
SO YOU CAN  
PROVE THAT  
YOUR WAY IS  
RIGHT.




I'M GOING  
WHERE I'M  
NEEDED, AND  
THAT'S WITH  
SURGE.



I'LL BURY  
YOU ALL  
HERE...



CRUNCH

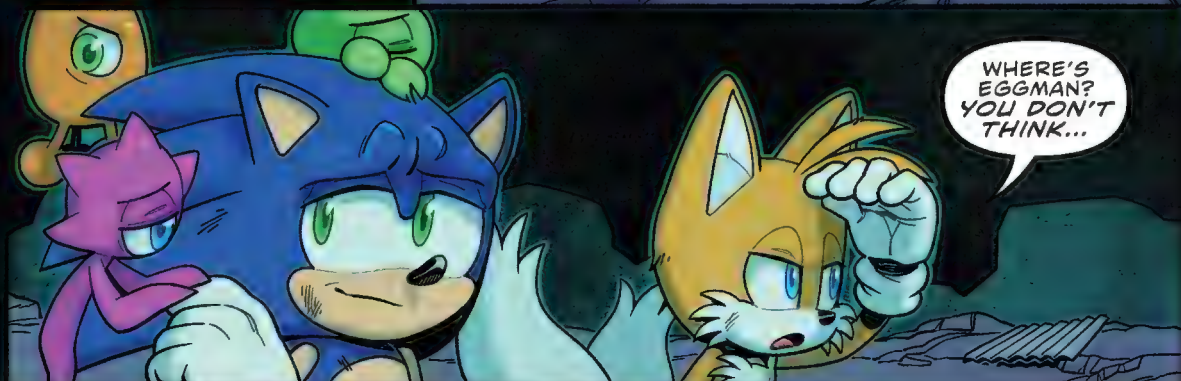


...ALONG  
WITH OUR  
PAST.

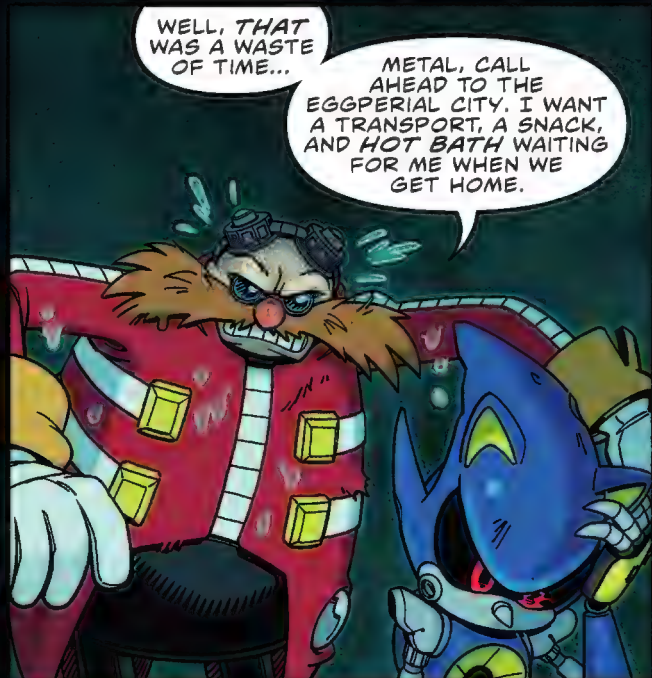












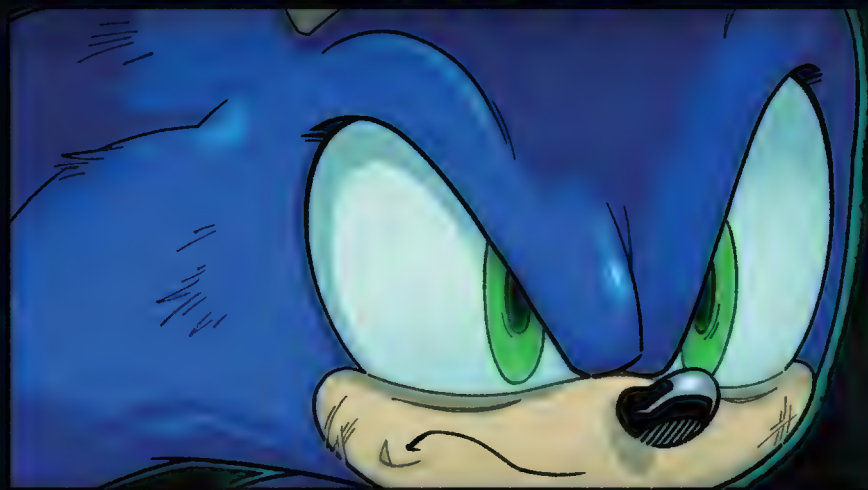
WELL, THAT WAS A WASTE OF TIME...

METAL, CALL AHEAD TO THE EGGERIAL CITY. I WANT A TRANSPORT, A SNACK, AND HOT BATH WAITING FOR ME WHEN WE GET HOME.



I HAVE SOME IMPORTANT SULKING TO D-- OH.

WHAT DO YOU SAY WE KEEP THAT TRUCE GOING, EH?



...



FINE...WE NEED TO GET THE WISPS BACK ANYWAY.



NEXT TIME, EGGMAN.

**NEXT TIME: RETURN TO THE EGGERIAL CITY!**





**NEXT MONTH**





# SONIC

# LETTERS SQUAD

*Hello, Sonic Squad! I hope that's the last of Surge and Kit we see for a while... They're bad news! Thank you for joining Evan Stanley, Reggie Grabam, and Shawn Lee for issue #56! Now, let's check out your letters and art!*



Dear Sonic Team,

Hi, my name is Meredith, and I have been a fan of Sonic since I was 4 years old. My dad has loved it ever since the first game came out. The first game I played would be *Sonic Mania* that came out when I was 7, and I still play it. From there, I bought a couple other of the games, played the old ones on my dad's Genesis, and then I found the comics. The first one I read was the one where Sonic and his friends had just defeated the Metal Virus and were having a party at Tangle's place. That's when I was introduced to Whisper, and I immediately fell in love with her. I then read the series from the beginning and then read the *Imposter Syndrome* series. I also loved Surge and started making art of all the fantastic characters. I have a Pixilart account, and I make art of them there, too. I was terrified when I looked at the cover art for issue #53, but when I read it, everyone was perfectly okay. I have a couple of questions. 1. Was the Metal Virus based on Covid? 2. Will any of the IDW exclusive characters like Tangle and Whisper be in any of the movies? And finally, I would love to see Tangle or Whisper in a licensed SEGA game (for a console). Will that ever happen? (P.S. In one of the *Trial by Fire* issues, I figured out when Tails was talking about the AGES game it was really SEGA backward.)

Thank you so much for making these comics.

Meredith

*Dear Meredith,*

*I love that your dad shared his love of Sonic with you, and now you're a fan. I hope y'all get the chance to play Frontiers together! And sorry to have given you a scare with the #53 cover, we like to keep readers on their toes! Haha!*

*To answer some of your questions... No, the Metal Virus was not based on Covid. That arc was coming to an end when everything shut down in March of 2020, so it was more of an unfortunate coincidence. Either that or Ian Flynn can see into the future...*

*Tangle and Whisper will not be in the movies as far as we know. But the characters are*





owned by Sega and they can do whatever they like with them. The more that fans show their love for IDW original characters, the more Sega is inclined to include them on merch, in games, and in other media! No spoilers, but if you keep your ears open while playing Frontiers, there might be a little easter egg for Tangle fans.

Thanks for joining us, Squad. Don't forget to send your art and letters to [letters@idwpublishing.com](mailto:letters@idwpublishing.com), and make sure to mark them "OKAY TO PRINT"! And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Next month, Tangle, Whisper, and [REDACTED] make their return!

Thank you for your letter and art! Stay cool!







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